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DECATUR, ILLINOIS, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1878.

J. R. RACE & CO.

HAVE IN STOCK A LARGE LOT OF CHILDREN AND BOYS'

Cloth and Fine Beaver Overcoats,

Which they will Sell at Less than Cost.

COME AND SEE THEM. THEY ARE JUST THE THING FOR A

CHRISTMAS PRESENT!

JUST RECEIVED

AN IMMENSE INVOICE OF

Neckties, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs.

Gloves and Scarfs.

WHITE SHIRTS AT VERY LOW PRICES.

EITHER LAUNDRIED OR UNLAUNDRIED.

OUR MERCHANT

TAILORING DEPARTMENT!

Is running as usual, and Suits of all kinds are made to order on short notice, and

FITS WARRANTED.

J. R. RACE & CO.

Grand Clearance Sale FURNITURE!!

IN ORDER TO MAKE ROOM FOR AN

ELEGANT STOCK OF FURNITURE, THE

DECATUR FURNITURE CO.

WILL OFFER FOR SALE, FOR THE

NEXT SIXTY DAYS,

AT WHOLESALE PRICES, AT THEIR RETAIL

WAREHOUSE, ON THE

West Side of the New Square.

—THEIR—

MAMMOTH STOCK

—OF—

CHOICE FURNITURE.

consisting of everything usually kept in a first-

class retail establishment.

Dec. 28, 1877—dwt

Great Closing-Out Sale

—OF—

JEWELRY

The Finest and Most Select Stock in

the city, which will be sold at

ASTONISHINGLY LOW

PRICES.

THESE GOODS HAVE ALL BEEN DOUBLED

UP FOR CASH, hence I can sell them at least

50 PER CENT. CHEAPER than ever offered

before. I would call your attention to prices

on a few staple articles, all other goods in

proportion.

Solid Gold Rings, from \$1 to \$2.

Fine Rolled Plate Chains, from \$2

to \$5.

Gold Studs, \$1 and upward.

Ladies' Solid Gold Sets, \$3 and

upward.

Genuine Egin, Waltham and

Springfield Watches, \$12 to \$15.

Fine Solid Cases at Great Bargains.

Clocks, from \$1 and upward.

Also, a Full Line of

Silver and Silver Plated Ware.

Musical Instruments Less than Cost.

Call and be convinced.

H. POST,

No. 26 Merchant Street.

Dec. 27, 1877—dwt

FARMER'S

DINING HALL!

West Side of Old Square,

DECATUR, ILL.

CHAS. DROWN, Proprietor.

This House, a first-class one, is prepared for

travellers and day-boarders. The accommodations

are the best, and the food is of the highest quality.

Meals, 25 Cents.

Oct. 28, 1877—dwt

Revolver

THE RIVER SERPENT.

He Has Been Seen Again, and is Fully

Described.

Natchez Democrat.

A few weeks ago we published the particulars of a sea monster, as related by a tow-boat Captain. The captain of the tow-boat described the monster as resembling an immense snake, with a bull-dog head and a pelican bill about ten feet long. It lashed the water into foam with its tail, and spouted oblique streams of water forty feet high. The monster attacked the barges which the tow-boat had in tow. After it disappeared the captain examined the barge, and found a splinter from its bill imbedded in the timber, which he said resembled ivory.

At the time of publishing the above we felt a little inclined to doubt the monster story, but now, after having ourselves interviewed two gentlemen who have seen it, we really think there is a big sea monster in the Mississippi river.

The gentlemen whom we interviewed say that on the night of the 9th inst., while floating down the Mississippi river on Captain Ed. Baker's produce boat, when near island No. 95, they were startled by a very loud splash in the water, and as they had heard of the great monster, they were very much frightened. They saw a dark object not more than eighty yards from the boat, and for the first time saw the huge monster. It was swimming at a pretty fast rate towards the boat, and it made as much noise as the steamers R. E. Lee. It came out, and as it neared the boat it suddenly turned to the right, striking the stern and knocking it overboard. John Caughlin and Dud Kelley alone remained on the roof, the balance of the crew taking refuge in the cabin. The monster came near enough to enable these two gentlemen to get a full view of him. They judged him to be about 65 feet in length. His body was shaped like a snake, his tail forked like a fish, and he had a bill like that of a pelican. His bill was fully six feet in length. He had a long, flowing mane like a horse. When he swam his head was eight feet above the water. It was a grand sight to see him move down the river. Messrs. Caughlin and Kelley tell us that it was impossible to induce the crew to come out that night. The pilot, Mr. McCune George, was finally led out by his wife, she assuring him that the great monster had departed.

A TRAMP'S CONFESSION.

Here is a Baltimore tramp's tale. "At Perryville I went to a house with a brick in my hand, and asked the lady if she would please be so kind as to put some butter on it. The request excited her curiosity, and she asked, 'Why do you put butter on a brick?' I told her I was going to eat it. 'Surely,' she said, 'you are not so hungry as to eat a buttered brick? Come into the house and I will give you food.' I begged a square meal, for which I had set so sick a trap. In the western section of the State I asked for something to eat at a house and was refused. I then begged for a looking-glass, which aroused curiosity to know what I would do with the mirror. I replied, 'I wanted to see myself starving to death.' They then gave me what I wanted."

LINX & SCRUGGS have the largest

and best assortment of CARPETS in Decatur, but will not insult the intelligence of the people by setting up the ridiculous and FALSE pretense of "low trading the Cheapest Patterns," except so far as warranted access to the LARGEST and BEST Manufacturers and Importers in the United States favor their taste and enterprise, from whom they purchase their entire stock at the LOWEST PRICES offered to the trade, AND THIS ACCOUNTS for the great reduction in prices of CARPETS and OIL CLOTHS, when they introduced these goods in Decatur. Let it be borne in mind as well, that this department can be conducted by them with very little additional expense, which adds a further guarantee of LOW PRICES, and defies competition.

Dec. 17—dwt

Safe—Speedy—Sure.

The rapidity and certainty with which Dr. Moore's Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound cures diseases of the respiratory organs and its reliability as a remedy for consumption long ago secured for it a foremost rank among medicines of its class. It is in fact a rare recognized specific for throat and bronchial diseases. It promptly checks a cough, no matter of how long standing, and affords great relief in cases of the malady. It is a specific for croup. Trial size 10 cts; large size, 50 cents and One Dollar. Dr. A. J. Moore, Decatur, Ill.

Also Agent for Prof. Parker's Pleasant

Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleasant

to take, and requires no physic. Price

25 cents.

Decatur, Ill.

'CHEAP CHARLEY'

NO MISREPRESENTATION



ONE PRICE ONLY.

THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND.

THE BATTLE IS OVER,

And the Wounded Little Middleman is Groaning in Decatur.

CHEAP CHARLEY IS VICTORIOUS

THE SLAUGHTER OF THE WICKED CONTINUES.

AND THE PEOPLE HAVE AT LAST ACHIEVED THEIR RIGHTS.

THEY CAN BUY CLOTHING,

at "Cheap Charley's" at 25 per cent. below any regular list prices. The reason you can buy of

"Cheap Charley" is that he is a low bidder, and he is a low bidder because he manufactures and

SELLS ONLY CLOTHING OF HIS OWN MANUFACTURE.

(The reason, it is impossible for a

Little Middleman to compete with him.

If one merchant is more enterprising than others, and so his goods of his own manufacture at

lower prices than all others, and the people want to buy of him, of course the

middleman will "quit," but that cannot be helped. We shall continue to sell as low as ever.

Our prices in Clothing, Hats, Caps, Boots,

Shoes and Gents' Furnishing Goods are lower

than ever. One price only.

IF GOODS NOT AS REPRESENTED, THE MONEY WILL BE CHEERFULLY REFUNDED.

CHEAP CHARLEY,

Corner East Main and Water Streets, Decatur, Ill.

Corner Main and Water Sts., Decatur, Iowa.

HEADQUARTERS—72 NORTH CLARK ST., CHICAGO, ILLS.

Kaufman & Bachrach.

Dec. 1, 1877—dwt

FOUND AT LAST

The Perfection of

HARD COAL BASE BURNERS!

—Viz. The—

CROWN JEWEL.

—Also the—

GOOD RECORD.

Which is an Excellent Stove and at

Very Low Prices

For Soft Coal and see the

CROWN DIAMOND,

Revolution and Rotary

Also a full assortment of all kinds of

COAL & WOOD STOVES.

—A Full Line of—

HARDWARE,

TINWARE,

ETC., ETC.,

RICES GREATLY REDUCED.

R. C. CROCKER,

No. 9 Water Street.

Decatur, Ill.

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF ONE EXECUTION ON

delivered by the clerk of the Circuit Court of

Macon county, Illinois, in favor of O. P. F.

Parker and against Frederick Aboltz, I have

levied upon the following described property,

situated in the 12th day of January, A.D. 1878, at

O'clock, p. m. of said day, for cash in hand,

I have sold execution. M. FORTMEYER

Sheriff Macon county, Illinois.

This 18th day of December, A. D. 1877.

Dec 18—dwt

The Poor Man's Friend Outgenerated

NO SHODDY CLOTHING.



SQUARE DEALING

B. STINE,

"THE BOSS CLOTHIER,"

HAS AND CONTINUES TO TURN THE VICTORY CLAIMED BY THE "POOR

MAN'S FRIEND," INTO A DISASTROUS DEFEAT.

The Army of Customers weaken the center of the struggling forces of the "Poor Man's

Friend," and the remaining squad of Charles the Ill., is taking refuge at B. STINE'S Clothing

Store. The defeat accomplished without bloodshed.

A Superior Class of Clothing, at Lower Prices than Any Man who Claims to

Manufacture His Own, is taking the Field.

THE SO-CALLED "LITTLE MIDDLEMAN" IS THE

ENVY OF THE "END-MAN."

OUR OVERCOATS.

The \$4.50 Chinchilla Overcoat.

The \$6.00 Chinchilla Overcoat.

The \$8.00 Chinchilla Overcoat.

The \$10.00 Chinchilla Overcoat.

The \$12.00 Chinchilla Overcoat.

The Boss Chinchilla Overcoat.

An Immense Stock of Beaver Overcoats.

Our Business Suits.

Our \$5.00 Cassimere Suit.

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THE SILVER QUESTION.

Hon. J. H. Cannon's Speech at Danville.

The Danville people had a silver meeting on Monday night, which was addressed by the Hon. J. H. Cannon, who spoke as follows:

GENTLEMEN: I believe this is your meeting, not mine. I noticed in the paper, when I arose this morning, an announcement that you were going to hold a meeting here to-night to consider what action you would take, by resolution or otherwise, touching certain legislation now pending in the National Congress. I also noticed the names published of several gentlemen, including, any one, who would probably address the meeting. I came as a spectator, as a citizen, more to see what your temper was than anything else, certainly more for that purpose than to take any part in the meeting. But I am in season and out of season.

Monday and every other day of the week is the day-time or the day-time, and at all times, to bear my testimony, because it is a subject which I have an opinion about, and have had an opinion about for the last twenty years, having been called upon as your Representative to investigate and take action upon it nearly two years ago, and I have seen no cause to change my opinion.

I believe, however, there is more opposition to the legislation developed now throughout the country than at any time heretofore, because the same approaches when legislation will be had upon this question.

The question now before the people is: Shall Congress by apt and appropriate legislation, provide for the coinage of silver—that being the money of the constitution—by the mints of the United States, and that that silver shall be an unlimited legal tender for all debts, both public and private.

To my mind there are no two sides to this question. Now, is legislation to that effect right? Have we under the law and under the contract a right to make silver an unlimited legal tender? I suppose the right is not disputed. It would seem that I would insult your intelligence to argue that point.

Then is it politic? The money of the constitution is gold and silver. It is out of the power of Congress to make anything else money except in time of war, as a war measure, from necessity. That being true I take it that it is also true that it is out of the power of Congress to demonetize either of these precious metals.

It has been said that while the coinage law provides as to what amount of silver and gold shall constitute a dollar, yet the law also provides that the bonds shall be payable in gold. That is a mistake. I have said before, and say now, that I offer and give a premium to any man who can find anywhere on the face of any government obligation the words "gold." You cannot find it in any legislation prior to 1873. In the political platform of both parties, coin is the word always used.

It has been said that we always speak of these bonds as being payable in gold, and therefore it is right to expect gold in payment. It is true that we did so speak of them, and why? Because from 1834 up to 1873 the silver dollar of 412 grains, nine-tenths fine, was never worth less than three, and most of the time worth seven and eight per cent. more than gold. That was the reason you used gold in payment of customs and interest, and you spoke of debts being payable in gold. It would be ridiculous, when we had the power to pay in cheaper metal, to speak of paying it in dearer metal. Hence, as you will remember, almost from 1834 to 1873 you could hardly get any silver change. People put the silver in their pockets, it being worth more than gold.

Some of the people ask, is it politic? I think so. Right there you touch the whole merits of the question. The right is undisputed, but it is politic. They are afraid payment in silver will injure our credit abroad. Let's see about that. The bond is payable in gold or silver at our option. Now, suppose it was payable in copper, and copper being cheaper than silver, we would be very apt to pay it in copper, and so if it were iron. Governments, like individuals, must take the benefit of their contracts when made in good faith. If we give the bond-holders all they are entitled to under the law and the contract, our credit is in no danger of suffering.

There are those in this vicinity who partially agree with me, but shake their heads and say, "Cannon, it is all right, but you ought to put a little more silver to the dollar," and they add: "What difference does it make—it is only a few grains?" Let me show you what difference it makes: let us see what the practical, permanent demonstration of silver will do for this country.

The office of money is twofold; one is to make exchanges between the people, and the other is to measure the value of the things exchanged. Now, let us see. James G. Blaine made a speech in Oshkosh, Wis., in October, 1873—and Mr. Blaine is a pretty correct man as to facts—in which he said that the indebtedness of this country—state, counties, and cities—was eleven hundred and fifty millions. That is little over half as large as the Federal debt, making two billions of dollars public debt. Add, at a very low estimate, a private indebtedness of five thousand millions of dollars, and you have nine thousand one hundred and fifty millions of dollars indebtedness. Now you had the moral and legal right to pay that debt in silver as well as gold; and somebody asks what difference would it make? Multiply your nine thousand millions by 8 per cent, and you get seven hundred and twenty

TELEGRAPHIC.

THE WAR.

ENGLAND'S SITUATION.

State Capital News.

New Year's Festivities There.

OTHER ITEMS OF NEWS.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., Jan. 1.—New Year's day has been very generally observed socially. The Supreme Court Judges and State officers paid a social visit to the Executive mansion, and calling has been very general, most of the ladies keeping open house.

The State Agricultural Convention meets to-morrow, and several delegates have already arrived. It promises to be largely attended.

The Governor to-day pardoned John Henderson, convicted July 18, 75, for Criminal Court, Cook County, of burglary, and sentenced to the Penitentiary for three years. He is certified to be dying of consumption.

The report that ex-Senator Glenn, as President of the Senate, ex-officio Lieutenant Governor for a couple of years, claims pay in the latter capacity is not true, and doubtless grows out of the circumstance, some time since reported, that Mr. Glenn filed a claim in the Auditor's office for about \$2,000, which he claims is due him for services as acting Governor during the absence from the State, at several times, of Gov. Beveridge. During all this time Acting Governor Glenn pardoned one convict out of the Penitentiary. Of course Gov. Beveridge drew full pay, including the time of his absence. Sturges, Edwards & Brown, of this city, have been retained for the claimant, and it is understood that Attorney General Edsall, consenting, an agreed case will be presented at the present term of the Supreme Court.

The Blue Ribbon Reform Club, in large force, paraded the principal streets to-day, and had a benefit dinner.

LONDON, January 1.—A Vienna correspondent, referring to Russia's reply to the English note concerning the opening of negotiations with Turkey, which reply, as reported last night, is to the effect that Turkey should apply direct to the Russian Commander-in-Chief for an armistice, says the intelligence was not altogether unexpected. Fear since the idea of possible mediation was mooted, leaders have been thrown out from Berlin and St. Petersburg, indicating that Russia regarded an armistice as a preliminary step to any pacific overtures, with the additional hint that the czar would require cession of the Danubian Provinces as a preliminary condition of an armistice, but agreeing to the effect that Russia should think of leading a large army across the Balkans, it may be that they will not exact too hard terms for an armistice, but content themselves with Ergorovic and give up two fortresses on the Danube.

The Pall Mall Gazette, in a leading article, commenting on the reported Russian answer to England's note, says it is what most people expected, and it is likely to follow, thus firing angry words at what was a well foreseen. We may now expect the strongest pressure to be put on Turkey to make peace outright with her foe. We suppose a settlement of the Eastern question by Russia and Turkey is not thought desirable by any Englishman who understands the tenure on which our empire is held, nor is it conceivable that England can with safety allow the acquisition of the Black Sea ports and rectification of the Asian frontiers to be made, while she remains mute.

The Times in its leader says Russia has, by her answer, entered into no controversy with England. Her answer is really addressed to Turkey. To suppose that England should fast herself on a bluff because the Porte has been invited to send an Envoy to the Russian Commander-in-Chief would be to raise the suspicion that our Government has gone out of its way to provoke a quarrel yet it would be useless to hide the existence of an influence which, if unchecked, would involve us in a quarrel. A section of society, with some advantages of position, is using all its power to array England on the side of Turkey. A telegram, dated St. Petersburg, to-day, says the prevalent conviction here is that the success of England's mediatory action will depend upon the spirit in which it may have been made. It is thought in official circles that any pacific effort should proceed from the standpoint that peace conditions must be consonant with Russian dignity and sacrifices, and it is believed that England can not overlook this consideration.

PARIS, ILL., Jan. 1.—Last night while a party of ladies and gentlemen were assembled at the residence of Mrs. Lewis Hotelling, Charleston, Ill., a young man named Miles was playfully snapping a revolver among the gentlemen. Pointing it at Alfred Arabiana the revolver was discharged, and the ball entered his right cheek ranging backward and severing the jugular vein, causing death in a few minutes. Miles was unaware of the pistol being loaded. The affair has cast a gloom over the whole town, all the parties being highly respected.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-office at Decatur, Mo., Jan. 1, 1878.

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| Eaton J. E. | Warren Susan J. |
| Gillespie Joseph S. | Wright S. C. Francis |
| Hollis Miss Annie | |

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R. P. LITTLE, Postmaster.

The San announces this morning, in starting head-lines, that "England's Professed Mediation" in favor of peace has been rejected. Will the able adviser of the public who edits that sheet now inform us whether the rejection is "absolute?"

Maye you been to the Farmers' Store, 37 North Church street, and looked over the stock of Groceries, Queens' Glass, Wood, Willow and Hard Woods that are to be exchanged for beef, pork, butter, lard, eggs, corn, oats, wood and greenbacks? E. B. PRATT.

Oct. 10—J. & W. H. H.

Read Ashby's Notice Done in Rhymes.

Of Christmas Goods to Suit Hard Times.

All yet who wish for Christmas Gifts, And want them cheap and nice, I'll tell you where's the very place. If you'll take my advice.

At Ashby's store, on Water street, Just four doors north of Breunert's, You'll find all kinds of novelties, To suit the taste of any man!

He has all kinds of Rocking Chairs, Upholstered (fine or plain), And some with perforated seats, And some of polished cane!

There's Chairs to suit the children, too, Of almost every kind: Nice Slipper Cases, Ottoman, And Camp Stools, there you'll find!

Upholstered Bed-rooms, all the go, And all Africa, bright and new; And then the Hand-Adjusting Chair, And Blacking Cases, too!

Indeed, the assortment can't be beat At any place in town. And then, to please his customers, His prices are all down!

So when you buy your Christmas Gifts, I'll tell you one thing sure: You cannot buy them any cheaper, As round at Ashby's Store!

Be careful not to miss the place— But one thing keep in sight: Look out for Ashby's Elephant, And then you'll know you're right.

R. ASHBY, (Open House Block.) DECATUR, ILL. Dec. 14—J. & W. H. H.

Goldberg sells the best quality of Germantown Yarn, Berlin Zephyr, Canvas Slippers, and Patterns; knit goods, such as Hosiery and Socks, for children; Sea Breams for ladies in all colors, at lower prices than any other house.

Dec. 13—J. & W. H. H.

Ladies' Muslin, Underwear and Merino. The only place you can buy such goods to your advantage is at M. Goldman's.

Dec. 14—J. & W. H. H.

For a Christmas present get a pair of those fine slippers, at Barber & Baker's.

Dec. 2—J. & W. H. H.

The Superiority of the "Hersome Gaiter" over all other shoes of similar fastenings, has induced irresponsible parties to copy the name and style as near as possible, in order to sell their common or inferior goods. Remember the name, "Hersome Gaiter," is stamped on the lining of every pair, and sold only by BARBER & BAKER. All others are mere imitations and frauds.

Dec. 18—J. & W. H. H.

ANTIQUARIAN ERRORS. In this enlightened age and land, and acceptance only with the prejudiced and ignorant. It is impossible, for instance, to persuade any large proportion of a people who have imbibed their ideas of logic in common schools and free academies, that it is expedient to cram their systems with mercury, rasp their bowels with calomel, and jalap, or stupify their brains with opium, when a pure, effective, safe, botanic cordial, like Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which relieves every disorder for which the poisonous drugs have been heretofore prescribed, is within the reach of every one. Old-fashioned remedies are rapidly giving ground before the advance of this conquering specific, and old-fashioned ideas in regard to depletion as a means of cure, have been quite exploded by the success of the great renovator, which tones the system, tranquilizes the nerves, induces sound repose, neutralizes malarial deposits and enriches the blood; raises the liver when dormant, and promotes a regular habit of body.

Jan 1—J. & W. H. H.

AMUSEMENTS.

OPERA HOUSE.

One Night Only.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 2.

The beautiful and accomplished young Euphonia Acosta.

MISS GENEVIEVE ROGERS

In the "New Year's Success," founded upon the poem by John G. Whittier, entitled

MAUD MULLER!

Supported by the established

FRANK E. AIKEN'S

Superb Dramatic Co.

Maud Muller, on a Summer's day, Traveled the meadow sweet with May.

Endorsed by the entire press, the greatest American Emotional Drama.

Prices, 10c and 25c. Seats secured at W. R. Abbott's jewelry store without extra charge.

Dec. 27—J. & W. H. H.

HAYS & BARTHOLOMEW.

ONE PRICE CASH HOUSE,

25 NORTH WATER STREET, DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

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